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**NEWS RELEASE**

# **Traffic Stop by Gang Unit Results in Stolen Handgun and Methamphetamine Recovered**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 @ 4:20 p.m.  
**Location:** 7300 block Luz De Lumbre  
**Arrested:** 39-year old Tommy SMITH of El Paso, TX

**EL PASO, Texas** – Officers assigned to the El Paso Police Department's Gang Suppression unit have arrested and charged 39-year old Tommy SMITH with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by Felon, Possession of Controlled Substance (Meth), and Theft of Firearm after an afternoon traffic stop. The investigation revealed that Gang Suppression officers saw SMITH driving a black Chrysler 300 traveling at a high rate of speed in a school zone on Resler. A traffic stop was conducted for the violation and upon further investigation, it was revealed that SMITH was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol, that was reported stolen, and 3.46 grams of Methamphetamine inside the vehicle. SMITH was the sole occupant and operator of the Chrysler. The Gang Investigation unit was called to assist with the investigation and SMITH was booked into the El Paso County Jail on the listed charges and bonds totaling \$50,000.00. This investigation continues.

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